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senior Air Force officer w	-and only 48 hours after the release of Duarte's daughtera tho recently had served as head of the President's personal ted. The FMLN appears responsible but no group had issued
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	GUATEMALA	
The strong showing by o	centrist parties in the election on 3 November and the	
mpartial role of the military in	the voting process suggest that Guatemala's transition	
o civilian rule remains on trac he National Centrist Uniont	ck. The center-leftist Christian Democratic Party and he two top vote-getterswill face a presidential runoff	
on 8 December. Moderate pai	rties will form a majority in the new Congress, although	
he rightists may remain a str	ong minority. Preliminary reporting from the US	
mbassy indicates that the ele	ection was conducted honestly and efficiently.	
The election marked the	end of a campaign which largely ignored substantive	
ssues and focused on person	alities. Despite seriously worsening economic	
conditions, none of the 14 cor	mpeting parties went beyond offering vague economic	
	cic Party leader Vinicio Cerezo Arevaloa moderate care to cultivate good relations with the	
militaryreportedly favors mo	oderate economic reforms, but is unlikely to implement	
nore extensive and politically	risky austerity measures at least in the near term,	
according to the US Embassy.	Jorge Carpio Nicolle of the National Centrist te with no coherent economic platform—promised to	
cut the country's unemployment	ent rate by creating over 250,000 new jobs, but failed to	
say how he would fund the in	crease. US Embassy reporting indicated that both	
frontrunners favor closer ties	to the US and are counting on large infusions of er the new government takes office in January.	
scondinc and minutary and aree	the new government takes only in samuely.	
For its part, the armed for	orces largely remained above the partisan political fray	
and stuck to its refusal to end	lorse a specific candidate.	
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	s of interference. On the economic front, the	
	sue temporary measures to stave off even more rapid	
	example, according to US Embassy sources, received nd Mexico that they would meet petroleum needs at	
east through January.		
Recent guerrilla actions	designed in part to disrupt electionswere confined	
largely to hit-and-run tactics,	roadblocks and propaganda. The military responded	
	umber of casualties. In clashes in western departments ted that two officers and at least six soldiers died in a	
the US Defense Attache repor mid-October ambush in El Qu		
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	s in Suchitepequez Department mined an airstrip that	
caused a plane carrying a Noi when it landed,	rwegian official and three other passengers to explode Meanwhile, guerrillas in the Peten	
burned the Ocultan oil camp a	and continued to occupy farms and distribute	
propaganda. Despite an incre	ase in rebel activity, the guerrillas have fallen short of pting the elections. Nevertheless, they are likely to	
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	during the runoff and the period prior to the inauguration of	.he
new regime.		
	HONDURAS	
	ith strong public backingthwarted yet another attempt by	
	uazo to scuttle elections scheduled for 24 November. In his zo sought legislative approval to cancel elections, convert	
	stituent Assembly, and extend his term for two years, according	g
to the US Embassy.	the high	
	strongly by first applying private pressure on individual	v
	ublicly threatening to arrest the sponsors of the bill, and final ning to replace Suazo with a civilian-military junta. Public	γ,
opinion reportedly ra	n strongly in favor of the military's position, according to the	
	ent's long record of political intrigue indicates that he probab from trying again to disrupt elections, but we believe the arm	
	ling of this latest challenge increases the chances of smooth	5 u
elections in Novemb		
Nevertheless, o	omplex and confusing election rules could be pushing Hondur	ıs
toward post-election	problems.	I
many military officer Party frontrunner Jo	s prefer National Party candidate Rafael Callejas over Liberal	
Party Holltrunner 30	e Azcona.	
	current election lawsunder wh	
	everal candidates and the leading candidate from the party wi could give Azcona a victory even if Callejas is the top	.n
	r. Under this scenario, Callejas would likely ask the Supreme	
	r the law violates constitutional provisions for direct elections	
	the armed forceswhich helped craft the law last springwo between supporting Callejas or abiding by the electoral	
procedures they des	gned. Such a debate, in our view, could offer Suazo and other	<u>r</u>
election losers new	opportunities to try to derail the democratic transition.	
	REGIONAL PEACE NEGOTIATIONS	
	was made during the two rounds of talks on security issues i	ì
	assy reports indicate that the Contadora mediators are again tic about the prospects for agreement. Nicaragua adopted a	
U , .	it the mediators' most recent draft differed significantly from	he
September 1984 ver	ion, which it had accepted. Managua demanded that military	
	ibed and that formulas for arms reduction take into account i	
	against all of its neighbors and the US. The Sandinistas aga s armed opposition and insisted that the US must sign a prot	
to respect an agree		
Core Four com	mitment to improving the draft is faltering, reinforced by the	
perception that Nica	agua will never sign a treaty. Costa Rica announced its	•
willingness to sign t	ne current draft with only minor modifications at the same tin	ie it 2
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remains on the sideli session until 7 Nover burden of suggesting continued foreign mil of arms limits before continued objections	oloring a bilateral accomodation with Managua. Guatemala nes and its only initiative was to gain postponement of the next mber, after its election. Honduras and El Salvador bore the improvements to the security section of the draft, including litary maneuvers, parity in military force levels, and negotiation signature of the treaty. Nevertheless, Honduras—fearful that to the Contadora draft will give it an obstructionist image—told as achieved 70 to 80 percent of what it wants and will agree to more modifications.	
	NICARAGUAN MILITARY BUILDUP	25X1
	OCTOBER 1985	•
26 September	Military camp at Nueva Guinea is being upgraded for addition or open-air storage shed, according to photography from U-2 Nearby facility previously thought to be agricultural cooperati to be military installation. Construction of large omni-direction transmitting antenna begun, and at least eight underground patternage tanks with total capacity of some 112,640 gallons being the photography reveals that grading operations for possible new construction is underway at Juigalpa in Chontales Department Excavation from three underground petroleum storage tanks, capacity of over 42,000 gallons, also detected. Six-meter wide segment being added to each side of 45-meter runway at Sandino Airfield—possibly to counter erosion caus rains last May.	2 flights. ve appears onal radio etroleum ng installed. 25) t. with total 25) er wide ed by heavy
4 October		•
5 October		
6-7 October		
8 October		
11 October	two Soviet arms carriers arrive this week carrying air surveillance and fire control radars.	ome or all of
	the radars may be transferred to Nicaragua.	25 X
11 October	Aracely in port with	

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	carrier that brought air defense radars and other military equipment USSR.
14 October	Radio intercept and direction-finding site identified at the Cuajachill Barracks in Managua that consists of eight-element circular Tall Rodantenna array.
	is to be installed at Masaya radar station complex, enabling Nicaraguan high command more secure
	communications.
25 October	Photography shows new area of some 10,000 square feet being cle
	near pier in Puerto Cabezas for future equipment/vehicle park huild 25X1

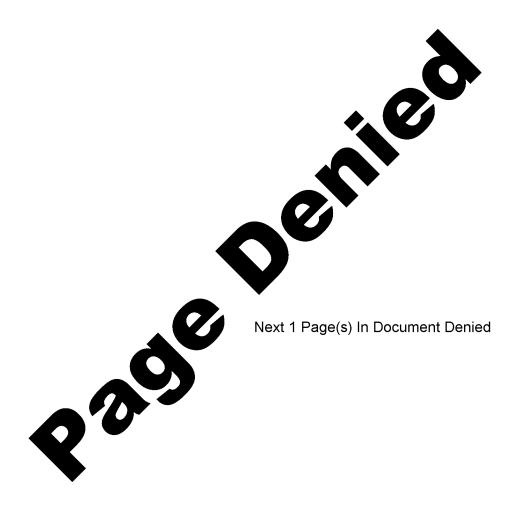
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	SIGNIFICANT NICARAGUAN POLITICAL EVENTS
	October 1985
1-3 October	Nicaraguan Episcopal Conference appoints Cardinal Obando y Bravo its president.
7-9 October & 17-19 October	Contadora and Central American vice foreign ministers meet in Panama.
11 October	Ecuadoran President Febres-Cordero breaks diplomatic relations with Managua after President Ortega calls Ecuador a "US puppet."
Mid-October	Cardinal Obando y Bravo forms Human Rights Commission under Churcauspices to protest government repression and lack of basic necessitie of life.
15 October	President Ortega expands national state of emergency, suspending mar civil and political rights.
15 October	Nicaraguan Interior Ministry forces occupy Catholic Church curia officie interrogate employees, and confiscate copies of new catholic Church newspaper, Iglesia.
18 October	Defense Minister Ortega announces males between 25 and 40 years wi be called for service in the military reserves.
21 October	At the UN General Assembly, President Ortega challenges President Reagan to end US aggression in exchange for suspension of Sandinista state of emergency.
	NICARAGUAN HUMAN RIGHTS CHRONOLOGY
suspending numerous dissidents. Meanwhile difficulties that pose a	the Sandinistas expanded their three-year old state-of-emergency, so civil liberties. At the same time, the regime stepped up harassment of e, the independent human rights organization in Nicaragua suffered internal a serious threat to its effectiveness in monitoring abuses. The Catholic the void with its own human rights organization.
	Alleged Insurgent Abuses
1 October	s reports rebel troops kidnaped a civilian in Nueva Segovia.
Sandinista press	
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3 October Pro-regime press reports that rebels abducted 20 farmers near Wiwili. 9 October Pro-Sandinista press reports that 18 farmers escaped from an insurgent camp in Hondu after suffering four months of forced labor. 17 October Pro-regime press carried the testimony of several youths, including a 12-year-old boy, escaped rebel captivity. They attested to insurgent abuses and forced recruitments. 17 to 23 October In weekly summary of rebel atrocities, pro-regime press reports that the insurgents kills civilian and kidnaped two others in Chontales, kidnaped three farmers near Boaco and two others. Alleged Sandinista Abuses 1 October Rebel troops in the south publicly accused the Sandinistas of murdering 72 civilians, incomen and children.		
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22 September	Vice Foreign Minister Tinoco travels to Mexico and Venezuela.
29 September	Foreign Minister D'Escoto and vice foreign minister Astorga visit New York for 40th UN General Assembly.
30 September	Trade union delegation concludes visit to Poland.
5 October	Vice President Ramirez returns to Nicaragua after meetings with President Betancur in Colombia and President Delvalle in Panama whe urged formation of commission to review presence of anti-Sandi rebels in Honduras.
7 October- 15 October	Zimbabwean Prime Minister Mugabe visits Nicaragua.
9 October	Vice President Ramirez visits Uruguay to solicit agricultural products to disucss Contadora.
9 October	President Ortega meets with Mexican President de la Madrid during in Mexico City enroute to New York.
11 October	Ramirez visits Presidents of Peru and Argentina and expresses conceover US assistance to insurgents.
20-21 October	President Ortega attends UN General Assembly.
cor	MING EVENTS IN CENTRAL AMERICA DURING NOVEMBER
3 November	National elections in Guatemala.
11 & 12 November	Contadora and Core Four meeting in Luxembourg with EC representatives
9 November - 3 December	Nicaraguan Foreign Minister E'Escoto to travel
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